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INFO		NOFORN/CONTINUED CONTROL		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.	
FROM		Chief of Station,		DATE	
SUBJECT		LALAMAE 3/10/1961 C-370000 ABRANCHER		29-2-86	
ACTION REQUIRED		RE: "S" - (CHECK "X" ONE) X MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY		X-REF: C-37	
REFERENCE		OFFPA-290007, 9 January 1961			
<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been queried in accordance with the reference request, and the following is a translation of the reply: In reply to your reference note, the following is the information in our possession concerning Subj. 370000: - ABRANCHER Nicolas - born 8 April 1903 (or 6 August 1903) in Sticherbach, Russia - son of Simon and Yelina VERKHNESE - Russian refugee Subject entered France legally on 25 September 1929, coming from Czechoslovakia. He resided in Corsica for a few years where he worked as a carpenter. Victim of a work accident, he came back to Paris where, according to a report in 1948, he has resided since 1937 at 55 rue des Gravilliers, Paris, 5th arr. In October 1942, he left Paris and without a passport he succeeded in fraudulently entering Byelorussia, his native country. However, his stay in this country was of short duration, the German authorities having sent him back towards France where he entered in November 1943. In the meantime, ABRANCHER had married a German girl in 1942, a computer named Nina LERNOVICH, born 10 March 1916 at Konigs, Russia. In November 1948 in Paris, ABRANCHER assisted at a congress of the "Union of Free-Lance Journalists from Central and Eastern Europe". During the same period, Subject was indicated as being the President of the Byelorussian Union of France (CEAUBIS), an association consisting of anti-Soviet Byelorussian exiles. In 1950, he was named as a member of the "Nationale Internationale laique des Belonges et des Lettres". According to information which was of unknown value in 1948, ABRANCHER was suspected of being "at the head of a pro-Communist movement whose activity extended to France and Germany". Meanwhile, the investigation carried out during that period revealed the reliability of this information to be very weak. We have no traces on Alexander ABRANCHER. </p>					
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